

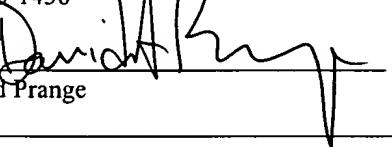


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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.56**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicant brings the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 to the examiner's attention. 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. These references may be material to examination of the above-identified application. Please do not construe the filing of this information disclosure statement as a representation that applicant has made a search (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), or as an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h)), or that no other material information exists. We enclose copies of the cited documents within a box herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted:

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Applicant would appreciate the Examiner initialing and signing a copy of Form PTO-1449, transmitted herewith, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 50-1901** referencing order number 060021-352501.

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DAYCO STATEMENT REGARDING RELATED APPLICATIONS

Sir:

In the recent case, *Dayco Products, Inc. v. Total Containment, Inc.*, 329 F.3d 1358; 66 U.S.P.Q.2d 1801 (Fed.Cir.2003), the Federal Circuit stated (1) in the context of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, a co-pending application may be “material” in the prosecution of a patent, even if the co-pending application cannot result in a shorter patent term; and (2) in the context of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, a contrary decision of another examiner reviewing a substantially similar claim meets the threshold level of materiality.

In light of *Dayco*, Applicant respectfully identifies the following United States patent applications, which are or were co-pending with the present application and may contain similar subject matter as the present application:

Serial No.	Patent No.	Filing Date	Atty. Docket	Title
09/520,938		03-08-2000	060021-352401	A FINANCIAL MANAGER
09/520,944		03-08-2000	060021-352701	PROVIDING CUSTOMIZED FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS IN A FINANCIAL MANAGER
09/520,940		03-08-2000	060021-352801	OBTAINING USER PROFILE INFORMATION IN A FINANCIAL MANAGER
09/520,580		03-08-2000	060021-352901	FINANCIAL MANAGER USER INTERFACE
09/521,470		03-08-2000	060021-353001	BROKERING AND OUTSOURCING IN A FINANCIAL MANAGER
09/520,564		03-08-2000	060021-353101	DEFAULT USER PROFILES IN A NETWORK-BASED FINANCIAL MANAGER
09/520,600		03-08-2000	060021-352601	TARGETING ADVERTISING IN A FINANCIAL MANAGER

Applicant brings these applications to the attention of the examiner, or other Office official involved with the examination of the present application. However, please do not construe the filing of this statement as a representation that applicant has made a search, or as an admission that the co-pending applications are, or are considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other co-pending applications exist.

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